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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PAUL E. WEST, et al.

Application No. 10/700,794

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER

RULE 136(a) (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

Filed: November 4, 2003

For: OSCILLATING SCANNING ) Palo Alto, CA 94301 PROBE MICROSCOPE ) April 3, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time under Rule 136(a)(37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to reply to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed on October 3, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application. A claim of small entity status has been filed in the application, and the Applicants continue to qualify as a small entity. Accordingly, please accept the attached check in the amount of \$510.00 in payment

of the extension-of-time-fee. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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